



FLOOD COORDINATION CALL

for local communities

What to do **BEFORE** a flood

April 13, 2018



CURRENT STATEWIDE HAZARDS

North Central Montana

- Flood Advisories in effect for Blaine, Hill, Liberty, Chouteau, Pondera, and Teton counties
- Currently numerous road closures across Teton and Pondera counties, with several rural roads washed out
- All known flooding is currently east of Highway 89 currently
- Pondera county has run out of “Road Closed” signs
- A state of emergency has been declared for Pondera County given current flooding conditions and anticipated impacts in the future
- MDT reports water over roads in many locations across north central Montana

Western Montana

- No current impacts and none anticipated through the weekend.
- Will likely be into May and June before the biggest impacts occur

Southeast Montana

- Areal flood warning in effect for Carter Co due to snowmelt and rainfall runoff
- Billings NWS office does expect additional impacts following the current winter storm and additional rainfall early next week

Northeast Montana

- Flood advisory currently in effect for People’s Creek at Dodson

Your Floodplain Regulations/Ordinance

1. Review for
 - Substantial Improvement (Section 10.1, 9.15 of Model)
 - Substantial Damage (Definitions, Section 1.17 of Model)
 - Emergency Permitting (Section 11 of Model)
2. Speak with your attorney (and others) about these issues

Emergency Permitting

1. Consider how you will handle:

- Riprap projects
- Traditional sandbagging
 - Length of time bags will remain in place
 - How will property owner dispose of bags and sand?
 - Consider sending out a sandbag notice
- Bulldozing dirt to protect the areas for flooding
- Commercial/Golf Course sandbagging
- Floodwalls

2. What is your community's stance on what a homeowner may protect?

Floodplain Maps

1. Know where they are and how to access them
2. Have paper copies of your current maps easily accessible
3. Review how to use MT Cadastral to verify building age and foundation type
4. Notify DNRC if you need training on these items

Emergency Manager Coordination

1. Encourage Emergency Managers to take part in these calls
2. Coordinate with them now about
 - Permits for emergency actions
 - Receiving notifications of flooding/flood warnings
 - Going on site visits to view flooding/flood damage

Property Owner Notification

1. Before the flood
 - Emergency permitting (including sandbagging)
 - Substantial Damage requirements
2. After the flood
 - Temporary occupancy of Substantially Damaged structures